

# Press Release

## HARFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Department of Community Services



#### PUBLIC SAFETY

"Ensuring a Safe  
Harford"

#### EDUCATION

"Preparing Now,  
Building for the Future"

#### EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

"Governing Smarter"

#### ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

"Growing and Sustaining  
Harford's Prosperity"

#### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"Protecting Our  
Environment"

#### QUALITY LIVING

"Safeguarding What is  
Important to Harford  
County Citizens"

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### Community Mediation Program Seeks Volunteer Mediators

#### *Free Training Offered on Conflict Resolution*

(Bel Air, MD) - - The Harford County Community Mediation Program is looking for volunteers to join the group. The Community Mediation Program, a program of the Department of Community Services, offers Harford County citizens free mediation services.

Residents can take advantage of this confidential and neutral process to resolve conflicts. Mediators help resolve conflicts that include disputes between neighbors, families, friends, businesses, and consumers.

Volunteer Mediators receive 45 hours of free basic mediation training and five hours of follow-up training. In order to receive the free training, volunteers must make a commitment to attend all of the training, complete an apprenticeship program, and donate 36 hours of volunteer time.

Here is a list of dates and times of the free training:

#### **September 2013**

Saturday, September 14 9:00am-5:00pm

Sunday, September 15 9:00am-5:30pm

Saturday, September 21 9:00am-5:30pm

Sunday, September 22 9:00am-5:30pm

Saturday, September 28 9:00am-5:30pm

Sunday, September 29 9:00am-6:30pm

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer mediator should call Susan Fisher at 410-638-4807. An application can be downloaded at <http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/services/community/doc/573.pdf>.

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